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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON LOS

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1. SUMMARY: FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY OFFICIAL (DR. LUKAS) EXPRESSED GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY DISAPPOINTMENT AT OUTCOME OF RECENT LOS CONFERENCE. DISPARAGING THE "GLOBAI TEXT", HE STATED THAT HE FOUND TEXT UNACCEPTABLE AND FRG MIGHT WELL TAKE POSITION AT NEXT MEETING THAT THE TEXT BE SPLIT UP AND DISCUSSED. HE ALSO EXPRESSED

HIS FEAR THAT U.S. MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT AN "UNACCEPTABLE" COMPROMISE ON THE DEEP SEA MINING ISSUE IN ORDER TO SECURE AN LOS TREATY. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBOFFS HAGGERTY AND MILLER CALLED ON DR. LUKAS OF ECONMIN TO DELIVER SUBSTANCE OF USIA CIRCULAR (REFTEL). IN HIS COMMENTS ON THE LOS MEETING, DR. LUKAS SAID HE HAD SPENT SEVEN WEEKS IN NEW YORK AT THE LOS CONFERENCE AND CAME AWAY FEELING NOTHING HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED THAT THE FINAL

TEXT WOULD BE FOUND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG BECAUSE OF PROVISIONS REGARDING DEEP SEA MINING. HE ADDED, THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE IS OF THE GREATEST CONCERN TO THE FRG. HE BELIEVED FRG WOULD INSIST ON A SECTION-BY-SECTION REVIEW OF THE TEXT AT NEXT MEETING AND FURTHER DETAILED DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE ONE ON THE MINING QUESTION. HE ALSO INDICATED ANNOYANCE AT WAY DRAFTING OF FINAL TEXT HAD BEEN HANDLED IN NEW YORK.

3. EXPANDING ON THE FRG'S INTEREST IN DEEP SEA MINING, DR. LUKAS WENT ON TO SAY AS FAR AS THE ECONMIN WAS CONCERNED THERE WERE TWO MAIN PURPOSES FOR AGREEMENT ON DEEP SEABED MINING: (1) TO DIVERSIFY GERMANY'S SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR MINERALS AND; (2) TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SALE OF UNDERWATER MINING TECHNOLOGY.

4. LUKAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG HAD NOT YET REACHED A UNIFIED ASSESSMENT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE LOS MEETING. THE RESULTS OF THE SIXTH SESSION WILL BE DISCUSSED INTERMINISTERIALLY ON AUGUST 12 AND THEN WITH GERMAN INDUSTRY AUGUST 29 IN ORDER TO FORMULATE A POSITION FOR THE UPCOMING HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETINGS.

5. ONE MAJOR CONCERN WITHIN THE ECONMIN IS THAT THE USG, WHOSE INTERESTS IN LOS ARE BROADER THAN THOSE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE FRG, MIGHT BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE TOO MUCH ON THE ISSUE OF DEEP SEABED MINING BY USING IT AS A BARGAINING CHIP TO GAIN OVERALL AGREEMENT ON A TREATY. EMBOFFS POINTED OUT THAT WHILE RESULTS OF NEW YORK NEGOTIATION WERE DISAPPOINTING ON SEABED MINING TEXT, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN OTHER AREAS WHICH WAS ENCOURAGING. WE ALSO INDICATED BASIC REVIEW OF U.S. POSITION PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FRG VIEWS, AND EXPRESSED WISH TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT IN FUTURE. LUKAS AGREED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH EMBASSY AND TO LET US KNOW RESULTS OF INTER-MINISTERIAL AND INDUSTRY DISCUSSIONS.

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